

City of Seattle

Batterer Intervention Strategy

Goal: Incorporate an effective batterer intervention policy in Seattle's coordinated community response.

	Objectives		Procedural Steps	Responsible Parties/ Milestones		Intermediate Measures	Resources
1.	Analyze current practice in Seattle and the results of this practice.	 2. 3. 4. 	Involve batterer intervention providers, probation counselors, the King County Public Defense Administrator, City Attorney's Office and advocates in an assessment of current practice of BI as program and sanction. Review and analyze current agency practices and results, including information about what is working and system barriers, as well as client-specific information, e.g. criminal history Review and monitor research literature and best practice information, and assemble data. Submit report of analysis and assessment o DVPC, along with recommendation for best practice recommendation.	Lead: DSVPO & SMC Probation Services Begin April 2005; end December 2005	•	Report on analysis, evaluation and best practice literature search.	Planning & Development Specialist: .25 FTE* Researcher – FTE - TBD
2.	Develop city policy on the use of batterer intervention as a sanction based on the results of the analysis of current practice.	1.	Conduct briefings to inform the policy statement. Draft statement for discussion,	DSVPO Begin January 2006; end	•	Policy statement on batterers' intervention as a service system and sanction in Seattle's	Planning & Development Specialist: .1 FTE
	or current practice.	۷.	approval and implementation.	June 2006		criminal justice system.	

*New Resource



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3.	Develop appropriate business practices to foster successful implementation of City's policy on the use of batterer intervention, based on the results of the analysis of the current practice.	 Review policies and procedures/ protocols. Revise business practices and contracts, as needed. Train on new protocols and practices. Develop evaluation plan. 	Lead: DSVPO, reps from City Attorney Office, Court, Probation, HSD Begin July 2006 end June 2009	 Policies, procedures, and protocols. Training and evaluation documents. 	Planning & Development Specialist: .25 FTE*
4.	Explore advocating at the state legislative level for DV extensive supervision, similar to jurisdictional enhancements for DUI offenders (see "Sanctions, Objective 4")	 Review results of the current practice to determine the need for extended supervision Identify and work with partners statewide to develop legislation and strategy. Explore the legislative changes involved in the DUI enhancements in 2002 Draft an impact analysis of the effect of any proposed legislation on local courts and jurisdictions. Finalize proposed legislation & legislative strategy Implement legislative strategy. 	Lead DSVPO, HSD, SMC, CAO, OIR Begin April 2006; end July 2009	 Notes from meetings Reports on analysis Inter-agency agreements with state association Legislation Legislative Strategy New Law 	Planning & Development Specialist: .1 FTE

Expected Outcomes

- 1. Improved system for appropriate candidates being sanctioned to batterers intervention
- 2. Improved completion rates
- 3. Improved compliance